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1. SUMMARY. THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE COMPLETED CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEM 12, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT QUESTIONS, ON 4/17 AND ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS THE SOLE RESOLUTION WHICH WAS TABLED UNDER THE ITEM, A RESOLUTION ON THE COOPERATIVE MOVEMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. THE GENERAL DEBATE UNDER ITEM 12 SUFFERED FROM A SHORTAGE OF PARTICIPANTS, PARTICULARLY FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. MOST SPEAKERS REPRESENTED EITHER THE EASTERN EUROPEAN OR WESTERN EUROPEAN GROUPS.

3. THE COMMITTEE HAD BEFORE IT FOR CONSIDERATION FOUR REPORTS, NATIONAL EXPERIENCE IN PROMOTING THE COOPERATIVE MOVEMENT, NATIONAL EXPERIENCE IN ACHIEVING FAR-REACHING SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CHANGES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ECONOMIC PROGRESS, DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME, AND A REPORT ON THE UN VOLUNTEER PROGRAM. MOST SPEAKERS CONCENTRATED THEIR REMARKS ON THE REPORT ON THE COOPERATIVE MOVEMENT WHICH ALTHOUGH DECIDEDLY BIASED IN FAVOR OF SOCIALIST AND
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PLANNED ECONOMIES, OFFERED THE MOST DETAILED AND USEFUL MATERIAL FOR CONSIDERATION. WHILE THE REPORT ON NATIONAL EXPERIENCE IN ACHIEVING FAR-REACHING SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CHANGE IS A FAVORITE WITH THE EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUP WHICH INITIATED THE AGENDA ITEM, MANY OTHER SPEAKERS CRITICIZED THE SUBJECT AND THE REPORT AS BEING FAR TOO GENERAL AND VAGUE TO ELICIT ANY USEFUL GOVERNMENT

RESPONSE. THE DELEGATE OF JAMIACA COMMENTED THAT IT WAS HEROIC OF THE SECRETARIAT TO PRODUCE ANY REPORT AT ALL ON SUCH A SUBJECT.

4. THE DELEGATES OF FINLAND, NETHERLANDS, JAPAN, NEW ZEALAND, AND THE US EMPHASIZED THEIR CONCERN THAT THE UN WAS NOT GIVING ITS OFFICIAL ATTENTION TO THE SOCIAL COMPONENT OF DEVELOPMENT AND CALLED FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AD HOC GROUP OF EXPERTS ON REINFORCING THE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT SECTOR CALLED FOR IN ECOSOC RESOLUTION 2079 WHICH WAS THE RESULT OF A JOINT US/NETHERLANDS INITIATIVE AT THE LAST SESSION OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. THE NETHERLANDS HAS INSTRUCTIONS TO PRESS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GROUP AND WE ARE DISCUSSING THE TEXT OF A DECISION WHICH COULD BE TABLED IN THE PLENARY TOWARDS THE END OF THE ECOSOC SESSION, CALLING FOR NAMING OF THE GROUP.

5. ONLY ONE RESOLUTION EMERGED, AN INDIAN INITIATIVE ON NATIONAL EXPERIENCE IN PROMOTING THE COOPERATIVE MOVEMENT. THE RESOLUTION WAS PUBLISHED ONLY TWO HOURS BEFORE IT WAS PUT TO THE VOTE ON 4/17. IN VIEW OF THE ABSENCE OF ANY PROBLEMS IN THE TEXT, USDEL SAW NO REASON TO REQUEST A DELAY IN THE VOTING. COPY OF RESOLUTION DATAFAXED TO GLAZER, IO/DHP. THE ONLY OTHER ACTION TAKEN UNDER THIS ITEM WAS THE ADOPTION OF A DECISION TABLED BY THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UK CALLING FOR THE REPORT ON DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME (E/1978/29) TO BE FORWARDED TO THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION IN CONNECTION WITH AGENDA ITEM 3.

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